

Jeanette's Autumn Nature Study Booklist

General Nature Study -

Exploring Nature with Children by Lynn Seddon- suggestions for each season and each month along with picture book suggestions for each topic. All Ages

Handbook of Nature Study by Anna Botsford Comstock- look up specific topics once they have been identified. Lessons included. All Ages

Natural Science Through the Seasons by James Partridge - This is based in Canada, but it is a most beautiful book with so many wonderful ideas. You may just have to adjust the calendar a bit. Each month has a gorgeously illustrated calendar with an idea for study each day. 100 Teaching Units. All Ages

Eyes and No Eyes by Arabella Buckley- This is not organized by seasons but by areas such as meadow, woods, pond, river, field, garden etc. Beautifully written. All ages

Outdoor Visits by Edith M. Patch organized by seasons, for the youngest students. Charming!

Through Four Seasons by Edith M. Patch Seven stories for each season. For early elementary.

The Year Round by CJ Hylander - Fall Season includes fall wildflowers, seed dispersal, falling leaves and their colors, how various animals prepare for winter.

Books on Fall

Soon After September by Glenn Blough (Fall and Winter)

Autumn Across America by Seymour Simon (stunning photographs)

Seeds -

Anything by Milicent Selsam, such as *Seeds, Seeds and More Seeds* (I Can Read Science) *Play With Seeds*, and others

Traveler's All: The Story of How Seeds Travel by Irma Webber. For the youngest students

Plants with Seeds by Dorothy Wood for early elementary

Trees and Leaves

Observe changes in colors, leaf scars, stems, shapes, edges, terms. Also nuts, pinecones, acorns, other tree fruits.

A good tree field guide such as Audubon, Peterson, Tree ID book by Symonds has wonderful collections of pinecones, acorns, etc.

Why Do Leaves Change Color by Betsy Maestro. For youngest students (a Let's Read and Find Out Science Book)

Down Come the Leaves by Henrietta Bancroft - for youngest students (also a LRAFO Science Book)

Seeing Trees by Nancy Ross Hugo - The most beautiful photographs of every stage of life in a tree. Gorgeous close ups. Will inspire you to use your loupes! Has a great section on fall

leaves, and on leaf and bundle scars. Very large heavy book!

Fall Wildflowers -

William's Wildflowers by Mary Priestley - the sweetest picture book from the viewpoint of a bee. Introduces wildflowers from early spring to Fall. Wonderful botanical illustrations. For all but especially youngest students.

Look for books organized by time of year such as *Book of Wildflowers for Young People* by F. Schuyler Matthews

(Note: wildflower books are organized different ways. All can be helpful. Some are organized by season which is great for seasonal nature study. Some are organized by color which can make ID easier, and some are organized by plant family which is good for learning taxonomy) *Wildflowers and the Stories Behind Their Names* by Phyllis Busch illustrated by Anne Ophelia Dowden (probably my favorite botanical artist!) This one is not specifically Fall oriented, but it is one of my favorite books on wildflowers. It will help your students remember names! *Dandelion, Pokeweed and Goosefoot: How the early settlers used plants for food, medicine and in the home.* Again this is not specifically Fall but so many plants are harvested in Fall during seed bearing time. This could be a great tie-in to history or foraging.

Fruits -

A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds by Jean Richards - lovely picture book

What is a Fruit by Jennifer Day - another lovely picture book - vintage

From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer